

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 March 1955		2. LOCATION Charlestown, West Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 08/2146Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, brighter than sun on aluminum. Seemed to have flat side, no edges noticeable. No sound.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation. Possible balloon which was released in area at time of sighting or possible a/c.	

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In 1955 of about a dozen photos of UFOs two in particular stood out among the rest. On March 8 an amateur astronomer friend of mine, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, also an active UFO researcher, photographed a round luminous object near the edge of the Moon from Broadway, Virginia.

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1. MOVEMENT IN SKY ONLY APPEARANCE THREE TO FIVE MILE DISTANT
THIRTY DEGREES.

2. THIRTY DEGREES

3. NONE

4. CURVED TO AVOID HITTING CLOUD

5. THREE TO FIVE SECONDS

6. A. GROUND VISUAL WHILE DRIVING AUTO

B. NONE

C. N/A

7. A. 20/21462

B. DUSK

8. 38 DEGREES 58 MINUTES NORTH 81 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST

9. [REDACTED] AGE 41 [REDACTED] SOUTH CHARLESTON 3 W. VA. MINISTER

10. A CLEAR BRIGHT SUN EXCELLENT VISIBILITY

11. SOUTH 181 DEGREES 12 5000-30. 12000-40. 6000-50. 3000-60 3000-70
45000-100

12. OVERCAST AT 1000 FOOT

13. 15 MILE PLUS

14. BREAK IN OVERCAST

15. NONE

16. NONE

17. NONE

18. CAN NOT BE DETERMINED

19. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CAPT LEO B. COLEMAN OF HARVER APPEARS TO BE
SINCERE AND TRUTHFUL. DOES NOT WANT PUBLICITY. CHECK WITH LOCAL
WEATHER STATION (SHOW BALLOON RELEASED AT 21.2 SEATED SOUTH.
CANNOT EVALUATE SIGHTING WITHOUT GIVING PERSONAL OPINION.

20. NONE

21. NONE

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UFOB INDEX CARD

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Three to five (3-5) seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) round, very bright object, the size of a softball held at arms length, was noticed in the sky at a distance estimated at three-five miles. The object appeared "fuzzy" at times and seems to have no distinct edges at any time. Observer states the object swerved to miss a cloud. Time of day: dusk.				11. COMMENTS Due to the brevity of the sighting and the improbability of further investigation yielding significant data, no investigation authorized by this organization (4602d AISS). The sighted object has all the characteristics of a balloon. A check with the local weather station revealed that a balloon was released at 08/2100Z Mar 55, forty-six (46) minutes prior to the sighting. Resolved: Possibly Balloon	